



IMPORTANT UPDATE – 4-24-06

PHYSICIAN and PHARMACY Providers

Preferred Drug List changes for the State of Georgia MEDICAID and PeachCare for Kids programs

EFFECTIVE April 1, 2006

Phase I PDL Changes- Updated

As communicated to you in the past, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is revising its current PDL for maximum clinical and cost effectiveness due to the continued growth in drug expenditures. Listed below are the preferred products in the therapeutic categories impacted by this revision of the preferred drug list. *All current quantity level limitations apply.*

Therapeutic Category	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Beta Adrenergic Nebulizer Agents	Albuterol, Metaproterenol, Accuneb, Xopenex if patient is ≤ 8 years of age	Xopenex if patient is >8 years of age, Branded products with generics available
COPD Agents	Ipratropium, Atrovent HFA, Combivent, Duoneb	Spiriva, Branded products with generics available
Dihydropyridine Calcium Channel Blockers	Nifedipine, Nicardipine, Dynacirc, Dynacirc CR, Sular, Afeditab CR, Norvasc, Nifedical XL, Felodipine ER, Nifediac CC	Branded products with generics available
Nasal Steroids	Flunisolide, Flonase, Nasonex, Rhinocort AQ,	Beconase AQ, Nasacort AQ, Nasarel, Fluticasone, Branded products with generics available
Proton Pump Inhibitors*	Nexium, Prevacid Capsules and Suspension	Omeprazole, Zegerid, Aciphex, Protonix, Prevacid SoluTab, Prevacid NapraPAC, Branded products with generics available

*** Clinical Prior Authorization for all preferred and non-preferred PPIs will be implemented March 1, 2006.**

Therapeutic Category	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Lipotropics: Low Potency	Lovastatin, Lescol, Lescol XL, Advicor, Altoprev	Pravachol, Branded products with generics available
Lipotropics: High Potency	Zocor, Vytorin	Crestor, Lipitor
Lipotropics: Cholesterol Absorption Inhibitor	Zetia	---
Lipotropic/Calcium Channel Blocker Combination	---	Caduet
Fibric Acid Derivatives	Gemfibrozil, Antara, Triglide, Tricor, Lofibra	Fenofibrate, Lopid

Please note that the State Health Benefit Plan and the Board of Regents plan no longer utilize the same preferred drug list as Georgia Medicaid, therefore, the above changes do not impact these plans.

We appreciate your continued participation in the Georgia Medicaid program. If you have any questions, please contact Express Scripts Customer Service at 1-877-650-9340.